663. Deep water fishing was taken up by the departmental staff in the Hessarghatta reservoir.

(v) Serum Institute.

664. The Institute continued to manufacture and supply on a commercial scale, the different biological products employed for the control of Epizootological diseases in the State as well as several places outside the State.

665. In addition to the production of biological products, the Institute continued to function as the centre for the conduct of all investigational work undertaken with a view to study the nature, cause and treatment of obscure livestock diseases encountered in the State.

666. The Bio-Chemistry Section was mainly engaged with the preparation of certain drugs which are commonly used in veterinary hospitals and dispensaries.

667. As regards the stock of biological products, the year commenced with an opening balance of 2,00,600 unit doses of all biologicals. During the year, 41,37,285 unit doses were prepared. Out of a total stock of 43,37,885 doses 14,13,235 doses were issued within the State and 1,05,585 doses were sold to places outside the State as against 7,87,660 doses and 78,565 doses respectively sold during the previous year, leaving a balance of 11,15,450 doses at the close of the year.

668. The arable lands of the Institute, brought under cultivation employing institute labour yielded 1,91,300 lbs. of green fodder and 2,165 seers of horse gram during the year as against 1,38,900 lbs. of green fodder and 545 seers of horsegram realised in the previous year.

Finance of the Institute

669. The total expenditure for the year under all items amounted to Rs. 1,58,162 as against Rs. 1,45,033 of the previous year. The revenue realised by the sale of biological and done animals inclusive of sales tax amounted to Rs. 2,31,380 (Rs. 1,20,883).

(vi) Composite Livestock Farm and Research Station, Hessarghatta.

670. As usual, the section attended to all agricultural activities of the farm such as growing fodder and food grains crops, cultivation of perennial grasses, maintaining grass kavals for hay making and grazing of Government livestock.